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Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-6 as shown below without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter of claims 1-6.

Please add claims 7-16 as shown below.

The following listing of claims 1-16 will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims 1-16:

1. - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (NEW) An organic electroluminescent device having a plurality of independently addressable electroluminescent elements, said device comprising:

a patterned first electrode layer including a plurality of first electrodes;

a second electrode layer;

an organic, optionally patterned, electroluminescent layer sandwiched between said first and said second electrode layer;

an organic charge transport layer having mutually separate charge transport areas which are positioned between said electroluminescent layer and said first electrode layer; and

a relief pattern separating said charge transport areas along each first electrode and between neighboring said first electrodes.

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8. (NEW) The organic electroluminescent device of claim 7, wherein said relief pattern includes positively-sloped sections.

9. (NEW) The electroluminescent device of claim 7, wherein said organic electroluminescent device is a display device of a passive matrix type; wherein said plurality of first electrodes are a plurality of row electrodes; and wherein said second electrode layer includes a plurality of independently addressable column electrodes crossing said row electrodes and said relief pattern.

10. (NEW) A battery-operated device provided with said organic luminescent device as claimed in claim 1.

11. (NEW) A hand-held electronic device provided with said organic luminescent device as claimed in claim 1.

12. (NEW) A mobile phone provided with said organic luminescent device as claimed in claim 1.

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13. (NEW) A method of manufacturing an organic electroluminescent device comprising a plurality of independently addressable electroluminescent elements, said method comprising:

providing a patterned first electrode layer including a plurality of first electrodes;

providing a relief pattern extending along each first electrode, and between neighboring the first electrodes;

depositing a fluid layer including organic charge transport material or a precursor material thereof;

converting the fluid layer into an organic charge transport layer having mutually separate charge transport areas which are positioned between the electroluminescent layer and the first electrode layer and which are mutually separated along each first electrode and between neighboring the first electrodes;

providing at least one, optionally patterned, electroluminescent layer; and

providing an, optionally patterned, second electrode layer.

14. (NEW) The method of claim 13,

wherein the act of depositing a fluid layer comprising organic charge transport material or a precursor material thereof includes an act of depositing the fluid layer non-selectively in a quantity sufficient to flood both the plurality of first electrodes and the relief pattern.

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15. (NEW) The method of claim 13,
wherein, during the conversion, the fluid layer breaks up
in mutually separate fluid areas which extend between and
along the relief pattern, which the fluid areas are then
converted into the mutually separate charge transport areas.

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16. (NEW) A method of manufacturing an organic
electroluminescent device comprising a plurality of
independently addressable electroluminescent elements, said
method comprising:

providing a patterned first electrode layer comprising a
plurality of first electrodes;

providing a relief pattern extending between and along
neighboring the first electrodes;

depositing a fluid layer non-selectively in a quantity
sufficient to flood both the plurality of first electrodes and
the relief pattern, the fluid layer including organic charge
transport material or a precursor material thereof;

converting the fluid layer into an organic charge
transport layer having mutually separate charge transport
areas which are positioned between the electroluminescent
layer and the first electrode layer and which are mutually
separated along neighboring the first electrodes,

wherein, during the conversion, the fluid layer breaks up
in mutually separate fluid areas which extend between and
along the relief pattern, which the fluid areas are then
converted into the mutually separate charge transport areas;

providing at least one, optionally patterned,
electroluminescent layer; and
providing an, optionally patterned, second electrode layer.

Amendments to the Drawing Figures:

The attached drawing sheet 1/4 includes a proposed change to FIG. 1 and replaces the original sheet 1/4 including FIG. 1.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the proposed replacement drawing sheet 1/4.